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Mr. E. A. Paxson
Assistant Director (Tactical Weapons)
Defense Research and Engineering
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Paxson:

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Since the Report gives recommendations for aeronautical and related developments, but necessarily does not concern itself with the details of any particular project, it is, of course, difficult for us to do much more than indicate our interest in certain of the recommendations made. Among those developments that will be of continuing interest to us are the V/STOL aircraft (paragraph 1.3.1.), monobath film processing and light intensifiers (1.3.2(1)(f), coded beacon system (1.3.3(4), and scatter communications link (1.3.3(5)). Additionally, small microwave relay links would be of value. We also believe firmly that research and study on all types of sensors (1.3.3(6)) would be useful in limited-war and other circumstances. We agree that side-looking radar for reconnaissance purposes and infra-red systems should be developed. There appears to be a definite need for a radar navigation set of the type mentioned in the Report (1.3.2(1)(d)), particularly if one can be built to weigh less than 100 pounds.

Your transmittal letter of 20 August asked for comments on the concept of the Report. I might note, in this connection, that the Report seems to be concerned with the technical feasibility of various kinds of hardware without reference to the technical environment in which the hardware might be employed. Perhaps my point may be illustrated by referring to the treatment of the V/STOL aircraft. This aircraft would appear to us to be highly useful in a hostile situation involving comparatively primitive opposition forces. It would become progressively less useful, however, if the sophistication of the

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I understand that arrangements are currently being made for you to get together with several of our people to discuss mutual problems and fields of interest. I am sure this will afford an opportunity for more thorough discussion of the Report. I very much appreciate your sending it to us.

Sincerely,

C. F. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell: K-

25X1 Your attention is invited to the fact that acknowledged receipt of Mr. Paxson's letter. (See attached interim reply.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT:

Transmittal of Comments on
"Application of Manned Aircraft and
Guided Missiles to Limited War"

1. Transmitted herewith is a suggested letter for the Director to send to Mr. Paxson in response to the latter's letter of 20 August forwarding subject Report.

2. The attached letter is a synthesis, or rather accumulation, of the comments of OSI, TSS and DPD. The slightly critical (I hope constructive) tone of the third paragraph of the proposed letter was authored by OSI. I am retaining the originals of the comments of the contributing components but will, of course, send them to you if you so desire.

3. The reference to Mr. Paxson getting together with some of our people concerns some arrangements being made by [redacted] of TSS.

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Subject Report

Proposed Letter to Mr. Paxson

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Director

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